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NEW MODELS NATIONAL BRAND SURVEY
November 4, 2014
N = 1000 Voters, Post-Election

1. Generally speaking, would you say things in the country are headed in the right direction, or are things seriously headed off on the wrong track?

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|  | 2014 | 2014 | 2014 | 2014 | 2014 | 2014 | 2014 | ELECT |
|  |  | $\mathbf{3 0}$ | $\mathbf{3 0}$ | $\mathbf{2 5}$ | $\mathbf{3 2}$ | $\mathbf{2 5}$ | $\mathbf{3 0}$ | $\mathbf{2 8}$ |
| 1. | $\mathbf{3 6}$ |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 2. | Dight Direction | Don't Know/Refused |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| (DO NOT READ) | $\mathbf{1 0}$ | $\mathbf{1 1}$ | $\mathbf{1 1}$ | $\mathbf{8}$ | $\mathbf{9}$ | $\mathbf{1 1}$ | $\mathbf{1 1}$ | $\mathbf{7}$ |
| 3. | Wrong Track | $\mathbf{6 0}$ | $\mathbf{5 9}$ | $\mathbf{6 4}$ | $\mathbf{6 0}$ | $\mathbf{6 6}$ | $\mathbf{5 9}$ | $\mathbf{6 1}$ |

2. Overall would you say that you approve or disapprove of the job Barack Obama is doing as President?

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| 2014 | 2014 | 2014 | 2014 | 2014 | 2014 | 2014 | 2014 |  |  |
| 1. Approve | $\mathbf{4 5}$ | $\mathbf{4 1}$ | $\mathbf{4 3}$ | $\mathbf{4 5}$ | $\mathbf{4 4}$ | $\mathbf{4 5}$ | $\mathbf{4 1}$ | $\mathbf{4 4}$ |  |
| 2.Don't know/refused <br> (DO NOT READ) | $\mathbf{4}$ | $\mathbf{6}$ | $\mathbf{5}$ | $\mathbf{6}$ | $\mathbf{5}$ | $\mathbf{4}$ | $\mathbf{8}$ | $\mathbf{2}$ |  |
| 3. | Disapprove | $\mathbf{5 1}$ | $\mathbf{5 3}$ | $\mathbf{5 3}$ | $\mathbf{4 9}$ | $\mathbf{5 1}$ | $\mathbf{5 1}$ | $\mathbf{5 1}$ | $\mathbf{5 3}$ |

Please tell me for each of the following whether you have a favorable or an unfavorable impression of that group or person. (IF CHOICE IS MADE, ASK:) Would you say you have a strongly (FAVORABLE/UNFAVORABLE) impression or just a somewhat (FAVORABLE/UNFAVORABLE) impression? (ROTATE)
NAME ID FAVORABLE UNFAVORABLE NO OPINION

| 3. Republicans in Congress | APR <br> 2014 | 100 | 41 | 54 | 5 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | MAY | 100 | 33 | 56 | 11 |
|  | JUN <br> 2014 | 99 | 33 | 58 | 9 |
|  | $\begin{aligned} & \text { JULY } \\ & 2014 \end{aligned}$ | 100 | 33 | 60 | 7 |
|  | $\begin{aligned} & \text { AUG } \\ & 2014 \end{aligned}$ | 100 | 31 | 60 | 8 |
|  | $\begin{aligned} & \text { SEPT } \\ & 2014 \end{aligned}$ | 100 | 33 | 61 | 5 |
|  | $\begin{aligned} & \text { OCT } \\ & 2014 \end{aligned}$ | 100 | 33 | 56 | 10 |
|  | $\begin{aligned} & \text { POST } \\ & \text { ELECT } \end{aligned}$ | 100 | 35 | 59 | 6 |

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| 4. Democrats in Congress | $\begin{aligned} & \text { APR } \\ & 2014 \end{aligned}$ | 100 | 45 | 52 | 3 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | MAY 2014 | 100 | 42 | 48 | 10 |
|  | JUN | 99 | 41 | 52 | 6 |
|  | $\begin{aligned} & \text { JULY } \\ & 2014 \end{aligned}$ | 100 | 44 | 48 | 7 |
|  | $\begin{aligned} & \text { AUG } \\ & 2014 \end{aligned}$ | 100 | 41 | 51 | 8 |
|  | $\begin{aligned} & \text { SEPT } \\ & 2014 \end{aligned}$ | 100 | 41 | 53 | 5 |
|  | $\begin{aligned} & \text { OCT } \\ & 2014 \\ & \text { POST } \end{aligned}$ | 100 | 40 | 50 | 10 |
|  | $\begin{gathered} \text { ELECT } \\ 2014 \end{gathered}$ | 100 | 42 | 54 | 4 |

5. Which of the following issues was most important to you in deciding who to vote for in the election for Congress? (ROTATE)

|  |  |
| :--- | :--- |
| 1. | Education |
| 2. | Social Security |
| 3. | Retirement and Investments |
| 4. | Terrorism |
| 5. | Healthcare/Rx |
| 6. | The Economy |
| 7. | Jobs |
| 8. | Taxes |
| 9. | Crime and Safety |
| 10. Environment | $\mathbf{1 0}$ |
| 11. National Defense/Foreign Affairs/raq | $\mathbf{3 1}$ |
| 12. National Deficit/Spending | $\mathbf{9}$ |
| 13. Energy | $\mathbf{2}$ |
| 14. Gas prices | $\mathbf{1}$ |
| 15. Immigration | $\mathbf{4}$ |
| 16. Other (SPECIFY) | $\mathbf{7}$ |
| 17. Don't know/Refused (DO | $\mathbf{6}$ |

Which party do you have more confidence in to handle the issue of (ROTATE LIST BELOW), (ROTATE) the Republican Party or the Democratic Party?

|  |  | REP | DEM |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 6. The Economy | MAR 2014 | 43 | 47 |
|  | APR 2014 | 47 | 45 |
|  | MAY 2014 | 46 | 43 |
|  | JUN 2014 | 47 | 43 |
|  | JULY 2014 | 45 | 45 |
|  | AUG 2014 | 44 | 46 |
|  | SEPT 2014 | 45 | 46 |
|  | OCT 2014 | 47 | 43 |
|  | POST ELECT 2014 | 49 | 43 |
| 7. Jobs | MAR 2014 | 43 | 48 |
|  | APR 2014 | 46 | 46 |
|  | MAY 2014 | 46 | 44 |
|  | JUN 2014 | 45 | 47 |
|  | JULY 2014 | 44 | 48 |
|  | AUG 2014 | 43 | 48 |
|  | SEPT 2014 | 43 | 48 |
|  | OCT 2014 | 45 | 45 |
|  | $\begin{gathered} \text { POST ELECT } \\ 2014 \end{gathered}$ | 49 | 44 |
| 8. Healthcare/Rx | MAR 2014 | 39 | 51 |
|  | APR 2014 | 43 | 49 |
|  | MAY 2014 | 41 | 48 |
|  | JUN 2014 | 44 | 45 |
|  | JULY 2014 | 41 | 48 |
|  | AUG 2014 | 41 | 49 |
|  | SEPT 2014 | 41 | 49 |
|  | OCT 2014 | 43 | 46 |
|  | $\begin{gathered} \text { POST ELECT } \\ 2014 \end{gathered}$ | 45 | 46 |

On a scale of 1-9 with 1 being somewhat important, 5 being very important, and 9 being extremely important, how important is each of the following issues or items to you in deciding how you voted: (ROTATE LIST Q9-15)

MEAN
9. Economy and Jobs 7.73
10. Minimum wage 5.57
11. President Obama's health care plan/health care 6.54
12. Women's issues/abortion and contraception 5.97
13. National security, and the situation in the Middle East 7.04
14. Government spending/deficit/debt 7.01
15. How frequently a candidate voted with President Obama 5.58
(ROTATE 16-17 with Q18-19)
16. What was the theme or issue that you heard Republican candidates and their campaigns talking about most?

|  |  |
| :--- | :---: |
| 1. | Jobs/economy |
| 2. | They are against the Democrats/President Obama |
| 3. | Healthcare/Obamacare issues |
| 4. | Social Security issues |
| 5. | Border/illegal immigration |
| 6. | Minimum wage |
| 7. | Taxes |
| 8. | Controlling budget/spending / Reducing deficit/debts |
| 9. | National security/public safety |
| 10. Energy issues | $\mathbf{1 1}$ |
| 11. Education | $\mathbf{2}$ |
| 12. Government/Leadership issues | $\mathbf{5}$ |
| 13. Gun control | $\mathbf{1 0}$ |
| 14. Foreign affairs/policy | $\mathbf{9}$ |
| 15. Women's rights (abortion, etc) | $\mathbf{1}$ |
| 16. Trying to work things out/making changes | $\mathbf{5}$ |
| 17. None | $\mathbf{3}$ |
| 18. Other | $\mathbf{1}$ |
| 19. Don't know/can't recall/refused | $\mathbf{3}$ |

17. Did this make you more favorable or less favorable to vote for Republican candidates?
18. More favorable ..... 49
19. Less favorable ..... 45
20. DK/Refused (DO NOT READ) ..... 7
21. What was the theme or issue that you heard Democrat candidates talking about most?

| 1. Education | 8 |
| :---: | :---: |
| 2. Economy/jobs | 24 |
| 3. Negative things about Republicans | 8 |
| 4. Immigration | 7 |
| 5. Healthcare/Obamacare/Ebola | 20 |
| 6. Women's issues (abortion, etc) | 13 |
| 7. Taxes | 2 |
| 8. Social Security | 1 |
| 9. Minimum wage | 7 |
| 10. They are going to fix the country | 1 |
| 11. Safety/Terrorism/ISIS | 4 |
| 12. They don't support Obama/against Obama | 2 |
| 13. Foreign affairs/policy | 1 |
| 14. Racial issues | 3 |
| 15. Social issues | 1 |
| 16. Democrats and Republicans are bashing/attacking each other | 1 |
| 17. Budget (spending, debt, deficit) | 4 |
| 18. Infrastructure | * |
| 19. Environmental issues | 1 |
| 20. They are supporting/helping middle class | * |
| 21. They are willing to compromise/work together with Republicans | * |
| 22. Same-sex marriage | * |
| 23. About the election/want to be re-elected/stay longer in office | 1 |
| 24. Energy/gas | * |


| 25. They are supporting Obama | $\mathbf{1}$ |
| :--- | :--- |
| 26. Obama's record/policies | * |
| 27. None | $\mathbf{3}$ |
| 28. Other | $\mathbf{8}$ |
| 29. Don't know/can't recall/refused | $\mathbf{1 4}$ |

19. Did this make you more favorable or less favorable to vote for Democrat candidates?
20. More favorable 42
21. Less favorable 52
22. DK/Refused (DO NOT READ) 7
23. For which candidate did you vote for US Congress from your district? (ROTATE)

| 1. Republican candidate |  |  | 52 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 2. Democratic candidate |  |  | 46 |
| 3. Independent or third party candidate |  |  | 1 |
| 4. DK/Refused (DO NOT READ) |  |  | 1 |
| Please tell me if you think the following description applies to (ROTATE) Republicans in Congress or Democrats in Congress. |  |  |  |
|  | APRIL 2014 | $\begin{aligned} & \text { SEPT } \\ & 2014 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{gathered} \text { POST } \\ \text { ELECT } \\ 2014 \end{gathered}$ |
| 1. Republicans in Congress | 39 | 35 | 37 |
| 2. Democrats in Congress | 51 | 54 | 45 |
| 3. Both (DO NOT READ) |  |  | 3 |
| 4. Neither (DO NOT READ) |  |  | 11 |
| 5. DK/Refused (DO NOT READ) | 10 | 12 | 4 |

## IDEOLOGY

On a scale of 1-9 with 1 being very liberal, 5 being moderate, and 9 being very conservative, how would you rate... (ROTATE LIST Q25-29)

|  | POST <br> ELECT <br> 2010 | APR | AUG | POST | FEB | POST |
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|  |  |  | 2012 | ELECT | 2012 | 2014 | | ELECT |
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|  |
| 22. Your own political |
| ideology |

23. Ideology of $\begin{array}{lllllll}\begin{array}{l}\text { Republicans in } \\ \text { Congress }\end{array} & 6.44 & 6.26 & 6.49 & 6.86 & 6.18 & 6.60\end{array}$
24. Ideology of Democrats in Congress
3.54
4.12
3.94
3.57
4.10
3.67

### 3.94

25. Ideology of Barack Obama
3.44
4.01
3.81
3.41
3.83
3.37
26. Ideology of Hillary Clinton

## SPECIFIC ISSUES

27. In thinking about how you voted in the election for Congress, which statement comes closer to how you decided to vote? (ROTATE)
28. Your decision was based primarily on President Obama's record and policies ..... 252. President Obama's record played a very significant role in your decision,but it was also about the choice of directions for the country that64Republicans and Democrats offered
10
29. Don't Know (DO NOT READ)
30. Do you favor or oppose the new health care law? (ROTATE)

|  | FEB | MAR | APR | JUN | SEPT | POST |
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|  | 2014 | 2014 | 2014 | 2014 | 2014 | ELECT |
|  | $\mathbf{4 2}$ | $\mathbf{4 5}$ | $\mathbf{4 2}$ | $\mathbf{4 0}$ | $\mathbf{4 3}$ | $\mathbf{4 3}$ |
| 1. | Favor | $\mathbf{5 2}$ | $\mathbf{5 0}$ | $\mathbf{5 2}$ | $\mathbf{5 4}$ | $\mathbf{5 0}$ |
| 2. Oppose | $\mathbf{4 9}$ |  |  |  |  |  |
| 3. Don't Know (DO NOT READ) | $\mathbf{6}$ | $\mathbf{5}$ | $\mathbf{5}$ | $\mathbf{6}$ | $\mathbf{8}$ | $\mathbf{8}$ |

29. What should Republicans in Congress focus on more? (ROTATE)
30. Being a check and balance on President Obama ..... 23
31. Proposing policies to improve the economy ..... 71
32. Don't Know/Refused (DO NOT READ) ..... 5

On a scale of 1-9 with 1 being not at all the reason why you voted the way you did, 5 being it was part of the reason, and 9 being the most important reason why you voted, how important was each of the following in why you voted the way you did: (ROTATE LIST)
30. Stop the President's policies 5.17
31. Offer policies to generate economic growth 6.96
32. Repeal the new health care law 5.02
33. Address spending and the national debt 6.49

Now just a few demographic questions for statistical purposes only-
34. In what year were you born?

1. 18-34 ..... 18
2. $35-44$ ..... 17
3. $45-54$ ..... 13
4. 55-64 ..... 29
5. $65+$ ..... 22
6. Refused (DO NOT READ) ..... 1
7. Generally speaking, do you consider yourself (ROTATE) a Republican, a Democrat, an Independent, or something else?

| 1. | Republican | $\mathbf{3 6}$ |
| :--- | :--- | :---: |
| 2. | Democrat | $\mathbf{3 5}$ |
| 3. | Independent | $\mathbf{2 7}$ |
| 4. | Other | $\mathbf{1}$ |
| 5. | Don't Know/Refused (DO NOT READ) | $\mathbf{1}$ |

36. If you had to classify yourself, would you say you are (ROTATE) liberal, moderate, or conservative in your political beliefs?
37. Liberal (GO TO Q36A) 22
38. Moderate (GO TO Q37) 40
39. Conservative (GO TO Q36A) 37
40. Don't Know/Refused (DO NOT READ - GO TO Q37) 1

Q36a among liberals and conservatives in Q36 only
36A. Would that be very (LIBERAL/CONSERVATIVE) or somewhat (LIBERAL/CONSERVATIVE)?

1. Very liberal ..... 16
2. Somewhat liberal ..... 21
3. Very conservative ..... 33
4. Somewhat conservative ..... 29
5. Don't Know/Refused (DO NOT READ) ..... 1

## RESUME WITH ALL

37. Are there children in your household under the age of 18 years old?
38. Yes
27
39. No 72
40. Don't Know/Refused (DO NOT READ) 1
41. What is your current marital status?
42. Single, never married 23
43. Married 55
44. Separated 1
45. Divorced 12
46. Widowed 8
47. Don't Know/Refused (DO NOT READ) 1
48. What is the annual income of your household before taxes? Is it...

| 1. Less than 15 K | $\mathbf{8}$ |  |
| :--- | :--- | :---: |
| 2. | $15 \mathrm{~K}-30 \mathrm{~K}$ | $\mathbf{1 1}$ |
| 3. | $30 \mathrm{~K}-50 \mathrm{~K}$ | $\mathbf{1 8}$ |
| 4. | $50 \mathrm{~K}-75 \mathrm{~K}$ | $\mathbf{1 7}$ |
| 5. | $75 \mathrm{~K}-100 \mathrm{~K}$ | $\mathbf{1 4}$ |
| 6. | Over 100 K | $\mathbf{1 6}$ |
| 7. | Don't Know/Refused (DO NOT READ) | $\mathbf{4}$ |

40. What is your race?

| 1. | Hispanic |
| :--- | :---: |
| 2. | African-American |
| 3. | Asian |
| 4. | White |
| 5. | Other |
| 6. | Don't Know/Refused (DO NOT READ) |

41. Do you consider yourself a part of the tea party movement?
42. Yes 12
43. No 86
Gender (by observation)
44. Male 49
45. Female 51

What type of area do you live in? (TAKEN FROM SAMPLE)

1. Urban 35
2. Suburban 47
3. Rural 18

Region (TAKEN FROM SAMPLE)

1. Northeast 18
2. South 28
3. Midwest 21
4. Plains/Mountains 22
5. West Coast 14
